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**Japanese Patent Publication Nos. 2000-101979, 11-341423 and 11-102550 are discussed in the specification.**

To assist the Examiner, the documents are listed on the attached form PTO-1449. It is respectfully requested that an Examiner initialed copy of this form be returned to the undersigned.

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